

Fall Risk Assessment Tool

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the score that corresponds with the risk factor listed on the left hand side of the instrument. The tool should be administered initially and again at specified intervals and when warranted by changes in health status.

Client Factors	Date	Initial Score	Date	Reassessed Score
History of falls		15		15
Confusion		5		5
Age (over 65)		5		5
Impaired judgment		5		5
Sensory deficit		5		5
Unable to ambulate independently		5		5
Decreased level of cooperation		5		5
Increased anxiety/emotional liability		5		5
Incontinence/urgency		5		5
Cardiovascular/respiratory disease affecting perfusion and oxygenation		5		5
Medications affecting blood pressure or level of consciousness		5		5
Postural hypotension with dizziness		5		5
Environmental Factors				
New environment		5		5
Attached equipment (e.g., indwelling catheter, feeding tubes, appliances, oxygen, tubing, etc.)		5		5

Total points: _____

Implement fall precautions for a total score of 15 or greater.

Key Aspects of Elder Care: Managing falls, incontinence, and cognitive impairment. Funk, S.G. Tornquist, E.M., Champagne, M.T. & Wiese, R.A. (Eds.), *A Fall Prevention Program for the Acute Care Setting*. Hollinger, L., Patterson, R. Copyright (1992). New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company, Inc. Used by Permission.

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